

North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.

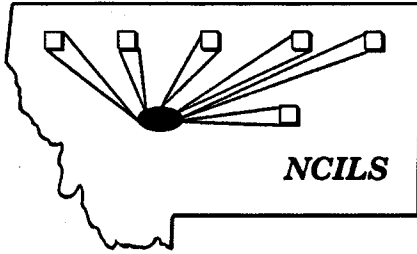


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Chairman Vance and Members of the House Transportation Committee:

We at North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. (NCILS) rise in Support of HB 213. We at NCILS have assisted Ms. Drube as she needs various services. When NCILS began assisting Ms. Drube as she tried to work with Clark's Orthopedic to repair her scooter, we learned that George, her fiancée, had purchased a golf cart for her to use.

However this golf cart was considered an ATV and Ms. Drube needed to pass the motor cycle endorsement. Due to her disability, Ms. Drube can and could not physically access a motor cycle to pass the endorsement test.

She worked with ^{Senator} Representatives Butcher and Harris and others to solve this issue. We studied federal and state law to learn about definitions of mobility devices, and how to best accommodate Ms. Drube. By dropping the motor cycle endorsement, we believe that this bill will allow Ms. Drube to utilize her golf cart independently so that she can best access her community of Lewistown.

One final point is that this bill can and will impact Montanans as we age and many people with disabilities and Seniors want to access more non traditional mobility devices.

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